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November 14, 2022 Newsletter

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Lots has happened since my last newsletter and lots continues to happen!

Firstly, I hope everyone continues to be well and healthy. As we've heard from our news media outlets and our Health Officials, respiratory illnesses, flu-season, and COVID are currently making significant impacts on our community — so let's continue to be the amazing, caring, Family we are at Harbord and be even more focused on our health and safety measures of: good hand and respiratory hygiene (wash your hands, cough into your elbow, etc.); staying home if we are ill; and wearing a mask when needed to protect ourselves and others. Health and Safety is always our priority in our Harbord Family — and together, we have — and will continue to always CARE for EACH OTHER.

Secondly, we are all so THANKFUL, APPRECIATIVE, and SUPPORTIVE of our CUPE family as they are integral to our day-to-day learning, school functioning, safety, and student success and achievement of our students! We recognize that there are contract negotiations happening with the government and are hopeful that resolutions are around the corner. I know that we are all in agreement, being back together learning in-person is what we all love!

Lastly, we are just on the other side of the mid-semester point and many of our Fall Season Sports have come to an end. A big shout-out to all of our student-athletes and coaches on a hugely successful season. In particular, congratulations to our Cross-Country athletes who qualified for, and competed at OFSAA; the Junior Boys Soccer team on their South Region Championship win; and to both the Senior Girls Basketball team and Senior Boys Volleyball team on winning back-to-back Regional Championships (Tier 2 and Tier 1 respectively)! We are all sooo proud of you Tigers — way to go!!! And a big thank you to all of our students who participated, and helped organize our Remembrance Day assembly this year. Learning about our past and honouring those who lost their lives serving our country — sacrificing for our freedoms that we have today; is how we are collectively going to make a better tomorrow. Merci to Mr. Magney and Mr. Kane for leading our learning and reflections!

Here are some reminders and information items:

TDSB TUTORING SUPPORTS HAVE STARTED!

The TDSB recently shared with families that the Ministry of Education will provide school boards with funding for tutoring as a part of its Learning Recovery Response to the pandemic. Harbord's School-based Tutoring program as it relates to this announcement has started on November 1, 2022. We have organized tutoring classes for numeracy with grade specific mathematics learning (and re-learning) sessions. Also, we are having a weekly after-school literacy coaching program for students in Grade 9 who may be having some challenges with reading or writing. In addition, OSSLT literacy support sessions will also be running to assist students writing the OSSLT this year. Information has been shared with students through their Math and English classes. For students and families who have more questions, please reach out to their Math and English teacher or connect with Ms. Fraser and/or Ms. McNeely. Thanks to the two of them for organizing and coordinating our literacy and numeracy tutoring initiatives

Besides these programs, as we've mentioned previously — our Harbord Tutoring Centre continues to be a huge success. This was part of our school's local plan to support 'Learning Recovery'. Many students are taking advantage of the

opportunity to learn together. Thank you to our amazing student tutors and teachers for their support. If you haven't been by, the latest — COOLEST thing to do is to pop in on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:30pm - 5:00pm in room 125 and in the Mall.

DONATIONS TO HARBORD

With the recent announcement by the Ontario government of providing parents with 'Catch Up' payments to help with the costs of tutoring, supplies or equipment, some Harbord parents have asked how they can donate this money back to school programming. Parents can donate directly through Cash online using the link here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Cash-Online/Online-Donations>

Please follow the instructions on the PDF attached to the email. Please make sure you use the drop down menu and select 'Harbord Collegiate Institute'. Thank you for your kind donation.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Harbord families will be receiving first semester mid-term report cards electronically this week. A link will be sent in an email and you will be required to enter a password, which is the birthdate of your child. The format must be MM/DD/YYYY, including the forward slashes. Example: **05/03/2004** for the birthdate May 3, 2004.

PARENT AND GUARDIAN/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

VIRTUAL PARENT and GUARDIAN/TEACHER INTERVIEWS will take place on Thursday, November 17, 1-3pm (in-person interviews at Harbord CI in the main gymnasium) and 6-8pm (virtual). Information about Sign-up has been shared. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher or connect with VP Bylykbashi. We will be having a special schedule on that day (Day 1):

SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR Thursday, November 17 (Day 1)

9:00 - 9:35 a.m.	Period A
9:40 - 10:15 a.m.	Period B
10:20 - 10:55 a.m.	Period C
11:00 - 11:35 a.m.	Period D

Also attached Parent/Teacher Interview link again [Harbord parentInterview Parent Communication Fall 2022.docx - Google Docs.pdf](#)

Please note that the following day, Friday, November 18 is a Professional Activity Day and there are no classes for students.

FROM GUIDANCE AND STUDENT SERVICES

Google Classroom: Reminder that all students should be in the Guidance Google Classroom (code=lti3zch). We continue to use this platform to convey updates, info, reminders, and announcements about important things like:

- Post-Secondary visits, applications, webinars, scholarships
- Community service and/or job opportunities
- Programs, workshops, tutoring, outside organizations
- Night school, summer school, eLearning, Dual Credit info and deadlines

Drop Date (Nov 2nd post in google classroom)

- Reminder that the Full Disclosure Date for grade 12s to drop a semester I course is November 22nd.
- If students have not yet spoken to their counsellor about dropping a course, they should make an appointment ASAP.
- Drop Forms must be returned to our office before the 22nd.

Massey College Tutoring/Mentoring Program (Oct. 21st, Nov 1st posts in google classroom)

- Students should check the google classroom for info on how to apply to this amazing program for grade 11 students.

Semester II Timetable Changes (Nov 2nd post in google classroom)

- If there are extenuating circumstances (errors, duplicate courses, courses for which you don't have a pre-requisite, courses needed as a prerequisite for next year), students can request a timetable change for semester II.
- We will try our best to accommodate your request however changes may not be possible. We cannot make changes for students to be with particular teachers or students.
- Please see your guidance counsellor to discuss your request and note that timetable change requests must be submitted before semester II.

Guidance counsellor (A-G): yuri.narula@tdsb.on.ca

Guidance counsellor (H-P): karla.falconbridge@tdsb.on.ca

Guidance counsellor (Q-Z): james.steele@tdsb.on.ca

COVID RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

For any student requiring Rapid Antigen Tests, we have a limited supply of testing kits in the Main Office. Please feel free to come by and see our office staff to get one.

NUTRITION PROGRAM (grab and go) AND PANTRY PROGRAM

Our 'grab and go' Nutrition Program has healthy snacks ready for students to pick up in the morning outside of our Main Office. Please come by and grab a healthy snack to start your day..and go!

Our Pantry Program continues to be very successful and students have been coming by to pick up free non-perishable food items for their families. Pickup continues to be on Thursdays after school, from 3:00pm-3:15pm in **room 207**. If your family would like some items, your child can come and collect them after school on Thursdays.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES (SAC FEE)

We are still collecting Student Activity Fees! As mentioned previously in other communications, our Student Activity Fee collection helps support the clubs, councils, and sports teams at our school to run activities and events for our students.

This money helps provide our children (student leaders) with additional funds to make our school experience the ABSOLUTE BEST possible! The school yearbook is also included in the fee as well as your Student Photo ID. This year's fee is \$60. Parents can pay the fee via School Cash Online. For parents who have trouble signing in, use this link for SAC fee: <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/135517/153/False/True>

UPCOMING : November 14 - November 25

Monday, November 14	Report Cards begin to be distributed this week
Thursday, November 17	Special Schedule - Parent Teacher interviews (1-3pm in-person interviews; 6-8pm virtual interviews)
Friday, November 18	Professional Activity Day - no classes for students
Wednesday, November 23	Late start PLC - classes start at 9:55am

And remember, at **“Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”**

Have a FUNomenal week!

Steve and Admin Team!